

The GoldSheet

July 5, 2020

Wedding Shower... Please join us for a wedding shower honoring Christopher Carl and his bride-elect, Abbey Clements, on Sun, July 12, between 2 and 4 pm in the Gathering Hall. Guests are asked to stagger arrival and departure times to allow for social distancing. Guests who do not feel comfortable coming inside the building are encouraged to “drive-through” to drop off gifts to the couple at the north entrance. The couple is registered on Amazon and at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Brown Bag Dinner/Business Meeting/Bingo Night... Bring your own dinner and meet in the Multi-Purpose Center on Sun, July 19 at 6 pm for a socially-distanced fellowship. Our quarterly business meeting will follow dinner, then we will enjoy some rounds of bingo—with prizes— just for fun!

Mission Dallas... 6th—12th graders are invited to participate in a local mission trip on July 27-30. Monday—Wednesday, students will serve at Mission Arlington, and Thursday will be a fun day. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on Realm. Questions? Contact Andrew.

Connection Cards... You may have noticed that our Communication Card has been replaced with a Connection Card. We appreciate guests filling it out. Members are welcome to use the card to share prayer requests or praises with the staff. Please leave cards on your pew following the service; an usher will collect them after the room is cleared.

Connect with Us... By texting 214-225-8554. Guests, text WELCOME. To share prayer requests with our staff, text PRAYER. To speak with a minister, text MINISTER. After texting keywords, follow the prompts.

Bible Reading Plan... A new Bible Reading Plan is available in the Gathering Hall or at the Welcome Desk. In July & August, we will read through 2 of the gospels—Matthew and John. These readings are separate from the Running to Him devotionals, which can be found on the Running to Him Facebook page.

Giving... We will not pass an offering plate during the service. You may turn in tithes and offerings into the collection boxes at the exit doors. You may also give through your Realm account, through our website, or text to give (text “nbcgarland” to 73256). Checks can still be mailed to the church or dropped off in the locked mailbox on the outside of the church building on the north end at your convenience.

Preteen Camp... is coming! Camp is July 20-23 at Sabine Creek Ranch for completed 3rd-5th graders. Cost is \$200 per camper if you have not yet paid. Scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Sarah.

Weekly GoldSheets... are available at nbcgarland.org or on Realm.

JOIN THE JOY! EMBRACE THE EXALTATION OF HUMILIATION (Philippians 2:1-11)

What’s involved in embracing real spiritual humility?

1. R _____ your Savior means D _____ yourself.
(vs.1-4)
2. Incarnation is a _____, not simply a _____.
(vs.5-8)
3. Total _____ is a required _____.
(vs.9-11)

Joy can be so elusive! Just when you think it’s within your grasp, someone moves the goal posts and you find yourself staring at yet another wall. Often the problem isn’t your POSITION, but your DEFINITION. *How do you define JOY?* Is it the presence of blessing...the absence of suffering...the promise of more (or less)? The Bible defines it differently, demanding a lens you won’t always like (or want). This kind of joy flows from internal peace (Phil 4:7), not external stuff—something you’ll never really experience...until you put HUMILITY above PROSPERITY. I’ve always been moved by how the great author and theologian C. S. Lewis once phrased it: *“Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less.”* Let that statement echo in your ears as you meditate on the challenging truths of Philippians 2.

“The greatest test of whether the holiness we profess to seek or to attain is truth and life will be whether it produces an increasing humility in us. In man, humility is the one thing needed to allow God’s holiness to dwell in him and shine through him. The chief mark of counterfeit holiness is lack of humility. The holiest will be the humblest.”

(Andrew Murray)